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SUMMARY: IN JAN 29 DCS MEETING, THE GREEKS SOUGHT TO
REFINETHEIR REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT USE OF THE DCS WHICH WOULD
ASSIST IN SOLVING THEIR CURRENT COMMUNICATIONS NEEDS WITHOUT
REQUIRING AN EXTENSIVE DCS OVERBUILD PROGRAM THEY AGREED TO
STUDY THE US PROPOSAL FOR THE USE OF SELECTED SPARE
CHANNELS TO GREEK SPECIFIED AREAS OF INTEREST. THE
GREEK SIDE DID ADDRESS THE NEED FOR CLOSER COORDINATION
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BETWEEN NATO, US AND GREEK CE PLANNERS TO INSURE CONTIN-

UNITY OF EFFORT IN SATISFYING, IN THE MOST ECONOMICAL MEANS AVAILABLE, COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS OVER THE ACE HIGH, DCS AND PEACE GREEN SYSTEMS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JAN 29 MEETING, THE US SIDE ADDRESSED THE "PREEMPTION" AND "UNPROGRAMMED COST" AREAS WHICH THE GREEK SIDE FOUND UNPALATABLE DURING THE JAN 27 MEETING. THE US SIDE EXPLAINED THE DCS RESTORATION PRIORITY (RP) SYSTEM AND AGREED TO THE INCLUSION OF GREEK CIRCUITS INTO THIS SCHEME. THE "PREEMPTION" ISSUE WAS RESOLVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED LOU: (REF A) DELETE THIRD SENTENCE PARA 3.B. AND SUBSTITUTE: QTE IN THE EVENT OF SYSTEM OUTAGES, RESTORATION OF US AND GREEK CIRCUITS WILL BE TAKEN BASED ON RESTORATION PRIORITIES ASSIGNED TO THE AFFECTED CIRCUITS. RESTORATION PRIORITIES FOR GREEK CIRCUITS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS AS THAT USED FOR US CIRCUITS. UNQTE. THE "UNPROGRAMMED COST" ISSUE WAS RESOLVED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PROPOSED LOU: (REF A) DELETE PARA F AND SUBSTITUTE: QTE REIMBURSE THE US FORCES FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TRAINING HELLENIC FORCES PERSONNEL SUCH AS MESSING, BERTHING, AND TRANSPORTATION AS MUTALLY ARRANGED BY RESPECTIVE US AND GREEK COMMANDERS. UNQTE. THE GREEK SIDE HAS AGREED TO BOTH OF THESE MODIFICATIONS.

2. THE MEETING THEN EVOLVED INTO A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WHEREBY REFINED GREEK REQUIREMENTS WERE REVIEWED IN CONCERT WITH THE LIMITED DCS SPARE CHANNEL (SURGE CAPACITY) CAPABILITY. THE GREEK SIDE CONFIRMED THEIR AGREEMENT THAT US USERS WOULD NOT BE DENIED SERVICE IN ORDER TO SATISFY GREEK REQUIREMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, THEY APPEARED TO BE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO UNDERTAKE A DCS OVERBUILD. INSTEAD, THEY CHOSE TO ADJUST THEIR CURRENT REQUIREMENTS ACCORDINGLY. THE US SIDE THEREFORE AGREED TO PROVIDE HALF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUITS OVER THE DCS:

- A. ONE VF CIRCUIT: LEVKAS - MT HORTIATIS
 - B. ONE TTY CIRCUIT: MT PARNIS - MT HORTIATIS
 - C. ONE VF CIRCUIT: MT PARNIS - IRAKLION
 - D. ONE VF CIRCUIT (FAX): MT PARNIS - IRAKLION
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- E. ONE TTY CIRCUIT: MT PARNIS - IRAKLION
- F. ONE VF CIRCUIT: YHANNITSA - MT HORTIATIS
- G. ONE VF CIRCUIT: NEA MAKRI - MT PARNIS
- H. ONE VF CIRCUIT: ATHENS - MT PARNIS

3. THE GREEK SIDE SURFACED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING TACTICAL VHF EQUIPMENT TO INTERFACE THE DCS AT MT PATERAS. THIS WOULD ALLOW THE GREEKS TO USE TWO OR

THREE OF THE SPARE CHANNELS ON THE LEVKAS - MT PATERAS LINK AND ALSO PERMIT A BY-PASS OF THE SPARE CHANNEL LIMITED MT PATERAS - MT PARNIS LINK ENROUTE TO ATHENS. THE US SIDE REEMPHASIZED THE NEED TO INSURE THAT THE EQUIPMENT BEING CONSIDERED WOULD MEET DCS STANDARDS AND THAT O&M RESPONSIBILITY WOULD REST WITH THE GREEKS. THE GREEK SIDE AGREED TO STUDY THIS INTERFACE IN MORE DETAIL AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL DETAILS AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE GREEKS ALSO INDICATED A DESIRE FOR CLOSER GREEK, US AND NATO COORDINATION AND PLANNING IN THE CE ARENA. THE GREEKS APPEARED CONVINCED THAT MORE JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION ON CE SYSTEMS AND PLANS WOULD RESULT IN BETTER COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR ALL USERS IN GREECE. THE US SIDE IN TURN AGREED TO PASS ON TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES THE GREEK DESIRE FOR CLOSER GREEK-US-NATO COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING.

4. COMMENT: THE GREEK DECISION TO REDUCE THEIR COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS THUS ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR AN OVERBUILD OF THE DCS WAS SIGNIFICANT. THE POSSIBLE USE OF MT PATERAS AS A TACTICAL INTERFACE POINT WAS ALSO A DEPARTURE FROM THE PREVIOUS SESSION. IF COMPATIBLE EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO RELIEVE SOME DCS CONGESTION IN THE MT PATERAS-MT PARNIS AREA ON A QUID PRO QUO BASIS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT BASED ON TONE PACK CONFIGURATION (BREAKOUT AT MT PARNIS) THE TTY CHANNELS OFFERED TO THE GREEKS WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED ON A SPEECH PLUS CONFIGURATION.

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